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1. In enemy cleanup operations considerable attention is being devoted to searching for our hiding places. In some cases the enemy remains in a village for a long time searching for them.
2. The enemy makes reconnaissance of underwater noises and searches for air vents which will betray the presence of underwater hiding places. They seldom descend into the hiding places but throw grenades through the air vents. War prisoners are often sent into the hiding places to search for us, but experience has taught that if we threaten and spare the life of the prisoners, they do not betray our presence.
3. An improperly executed descent into the hiding places leaves evidence of our presence. The last person to descend must carefully destroy his traces by arranging the bushes and branches properly behind him. This is required particularly for the underwater hiding places where there are many water lilies in the ponds.
4. Hasty departures should be avoided. Conventional signs must be arranged with outside agents, and departure should be made only upon recognition of these signs. Preferably, departure should be made only by prearrangement.
5. Consideration must be given to sanitation facilities if underwater hiding places are to be occupied three to seven days. Supplementary air vents can be drilled through the inside and a pickaxe is needed for excavation.

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6. Only those locations which afford natural cover and are least suspect should be selected. The walls should be sturdy and thick in order to avoid detection by thumping on the ground with pickaxes and iron rods. When conditions are favorable it is advantageous to have thin walls to permit quick exits.
7. A trench of at least forty centimeters should be constructed at the entrance in the event the hiding place is discovered and the enemy throw grenades through the entrance.
8. Hiding places should be constructed in a zig-zag pattern to avoid repercussions from grenades thrown through the entrance.
9. The entrance and the air vents must be well camouflaged. The air vents should be numerous and small in size. They should be tested to ensure proper functioning.
10. Hiding places should be constructed both inside and outside of the villages. If there are hiding places outside the villages only, the combat morale of the guerrillas will be affected in their defense of the villages. Within the walls of the village, hiding places should be constructed away from the administrative centers.
11. Locations for hiding places outside the villages must be carefully selected to avoid areas where movement of enemy tanks will cause their collapse. Also to be avoided are locations where exposed approaches make detection of exit and entrance traces easy. Hiding places must be checked regularly and kept in usable condition at all times.
12. A preliminary assignment of responsibilities must be made to each person in the hiding places. Outside agents must be initially selected from among the mothers or wives of the guerrillas who are in the hiding places.
13. Where construction of an underwater hiding place leaves a detectable disturbed area, buffalo dung mixed with the water will calm the water within several hours.

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